

## News and Updates from Totland Parish Council June 2020

I can confirm that all Parish Council meetings remain cancelled for now and we hope to resume them in September, however, this will be confirmed closer to this date. Councillors and the Clerk speak daily and all are interacting with emails and text messages.

The Parish Office is closed; however, the Clerk remains in the office taking calls and picking up emails. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact her.

**Fires/Bonfires**: This has improved since last month, but a few residents are still lighting bonfires. Please be considerate during this time to the health of others as smoke and smells from bonfires can aggravate respiratory problems. Please do not burn your garden waste or other waste and be mindful of your neighbours and local community who maybe spending time in their gardens during the lockdown. If you are affected by smoke from bonfires, please report to the Isle of Wight Councils Environmental Protection team. At this difficult time, please continue to be considerate of each other and especially neighbourly. Thank you for all the kindness that we have seen from the Community so far.

Fires in Turvills Field and any Parish Land as with leaving rubbish in the viewpoint of One Horse Field is not acceptable at anytime and urge those who think it is okay to do this stop now. We have names and these will be passed on to the Police. Youth gatherings are still not allowed, and these gatherings can be reported online to Hampshire Police.

The Public Toilets at Totland Beach and Colwell have been reopened and are cleaned daily and checked twice each day. They are also being deep cleaned regularly, however, should the need arise the Parish Council will lock them again. The important message is please **BE ALERT** and think how your actions may impact on others.

The Planning Office are now accepting planning applications again and Councillors will discuss these using email. If you have any concerns with any applications, please ring or email the office.

The West Wight Sports & Community Centre or at this time the Coronavirus Support Hub are still available to help with anything you may be struggling with, such as shopping. They have many volunteers who can help, please do not hesitate to pick up the phone and ring them on 01983 752168. They can pick up prescriptions and even deliver meals.

**Delivery Service:** The Village Bakery continue to offer a doorstep delivery service to the over 70's for their Bakery products. Call Dave between 9am and 11am on 716400 or leave a message at any time. Remember to leave your name and telephone number.

**Car Boot Sales:** These have been cancelled for now.

**Men in Sheds**: Closed at this time but they have started a WhatsApp group and all are welcome to join this. They are keeping busy though as they are part of the volunteer service at the West Wight Coronavirus Support Hub.

**Recycling**: Afton Marsh Recycling Centre – Closed at the moment.

**West Wight Arts Association -** tickets for 2020/2021 will be available to purchase mid August, however, this will be monitored.

**Reminder:** Afton Marsh Recycling Centre open days and times:

At the time of writing this report residents could use the Recycling Centre, however, you need to book a time slot online and cannot just turn up. There are also limits to what you can take to the Centre.

<u>CONTACT DETAILS</u>: Parish Clerk – Mrs Helen Gibbs - Telephone 756028
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Your Parish Councillors' are: Chairman Jan Cave, Vince Fennell, John Howe, David Filby, Steve Blamire, Helen Wood, Gareth Wyre and Hilary Benns.